ANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Docket No. (Under 37 CFR 1.97(B) fr 1.97(c)) 14739 In Re Application Of: Tomihiko Azuma MAR 1 6 2005 Application No. **Group Art Unit** Confirmation No. Filing Date Customer No. 09/897,323 July 2, 2001 Jacob Lipman 23389 2134 2058 Title: SECURE MAIL PROXY SYSTEM, METHOD OF MANAGING SECURITY, AND RECORDING MEDIUM Address to: **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 37 CFR 1.97(b) The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114. 37 CFR 1.97(c) The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of: ★ the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e); OR ☐ the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

- 1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-010930 dated January 14, 2000, together with an English language Abstract; and
- 2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-183951 dated June 30, 2000, together with an English language Abstract.

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The references were cited in an Office Action dated December 14, 2004 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with an English translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Official Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action. Also filed herewith are English-language translations of the Abstracts of the references. Please note that the other references cited in the Japanese Office Action were submitted to the Patent Office in an Information Disclosure Statement dated October 21, 2004.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an Official Action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

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Sir:

I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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